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1. ALTHOUGH COOPER INTERESTED IN PRINCIPLE, HE IS UNABLE LEAVE YALE FOR MORE THAN FEW DAYS BECAUSE OF PROVOST DUTIES IN ADDITION TO TEACHING. HE WILL BE IN TOKYO OCT 22-23 FOR TRI-LATERAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE AND MIGHT BE ABLE COME
ONE DAY EARLY TO SPEAK ONCE AS LEAD-IN SPEAKER TO PACKAGED PROGRAM.

2. COOPER RECOMMENDED C. FRED BERGSTEN OF BROOKINGS AND POST CONCURS. BERGSTEN SERVED REDENTLY ON NSC AND IS

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY EXPERT. REQUEST CU CONTACT HIM AS FIRST CHOICE FOR REMAINING SPEAKERS SLOT FOR PACKAGED PROGRAM.

COOPER ALSO RECOMMENDED LAWRENCE KRAUSE OF BROOKINGS WHO NOW IN JAPAN AS VOLSPK. WE SOUNDED OUT KRAUSE WHO IS INTERESTED IN PRINCIPLE BUT UNCERTAIN OF SCHEDULE. WE INFORMED HIM THAT OTHER SPEAKERS WERE BEING CONTACTED AND EXPLAINED THAT CU MIGHT CONTACT HIM FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON MID-AUGUST. RECOMMENDS HE BE CONSIDERED AS ALTERNATE IF BERGSTEN UNAVAILABLE. ALTHOUGH KRAUSE IS EXCELLENT SPEAKER AND WELL RECEIVED BY JAPANESE SPECIALISTS, WE HAVE PROGRAMMED HIM WITH MANY TOP ECONOMIC SPECIALISTS AND WOULD PREFER FRESH FACE. AS THIRD CHOICE (AND ON COOP'S UNCLASSIFIED

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RECOMMENDATION) POST SUGGESTS PETER BAIN KENEN OF PRINCETON. HIS SPECIALITY IS MONETARY POLICY AND REFORM, BUT MORE DIRECTED TOWARD BRITAIN.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE WORD ON BERGSTEM. AS MENTIONED, WILLING PAY 100 DOLS DAILY HONORARIUM ADDITIONL TO STAG GRANT. POST HOPES WHOEVER CHOSEN WOULD BE AVAILABLE IDEALLY FOR FULL THREE WEEK PERIOD AND TWO WEEKS AT MINIMUM. SHOESMITH

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